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R277. Education, Administration.

R277-402. Online Testing.

R277-402-1. Definitions.

A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

B. "Formative assessment" means an activity, such as questioning, observation, interview and assessment, engaged in by teachers and students during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes.

C. "Intent to implement a uniform online summative test system" as used in 53A-1-708(4) means the commitment by the USOE to provide a consistent statewide process for school districts/charter schools to administer 100 percent of CRT U-PASS-required assessments. This includes the willingness of school districts/charter schools to provide documentation of preparatory activities and of actual test-taking by students.

D. "Online formative assessment system" means a system coordinated by the USOE for the online delivery of formative assessments that can be created by teachers, school districts/charter schools, or the USOE. One part of the system is the Utah Test Item Pool Service (UTIPS).

E. "Summative tests" means tests administered near the end of a course to assess overall achievement of course goals.

F. "Uniform online summative test system" means a statewide process coordinated by the USOE for the online delivery of summative tests required under U-PASS.

G. "Utah Performance Assessment System for Students (U-PASS)" means:

(1) systematic norm-referenced achievement testing of all students in grades 3 (administration in fall and spring), 5, and 8 required by this part in all schools within each school district and in charter schools by means of tests designated by the Board;

(2) criterion-referenced achievement testing of students in all grade levels in:

(a) language arts (grades 2-11);

(b) mathematics (grades 2-7) and pre-algebra, elementary Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and geometry;

(c) science (grades 4-8) and earth systems, biology, chemistry, and physics; and

(3) an online direct writing assessment in grades ~~[6]~~5 and ~~[9]~~8;

(4) a tenth grade basic skills competency test as detailed in Section 53A-1-611; and

(5) the use of student behavior indicators in assessing student performance.

H. "USOE" means Utah State Office of Education.

I. "USOE item pool" means all test items developed for or by USOE which are intended to support the instruction of the Utah curriculum for Utah K-12 teachers and students.

J. "Utah Test Item Pool Service (UTIPS)" means a system which

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K. "UTIPS Steering Committee" means a committee formed to govern, support, develop and administer UTIPS. The committee is comprised of the elected co-chairs of the UTIPS User's Group and the UTIPS Operators' Group, the USOE Assessment Director, the USOE Computer Based Assessments Specialist, the USOE Curriculum Director, and one at-large member.

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